

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 550
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Emily Henry McMahon
of Centerville and Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Emily Henry McMahon, beloved daughter of our colleague and friend, Senator Douglas Henry, and his wife, Loiette Henry; and

WHEREAS, a native Nashvillian with a deep love of nature and the outdoors, Emily Henry McMahon was a graduate of Harpeth Hall School and Jacksonville University; and

WHEREAS, a former longtime resident of Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. McMahon worked with at-risk students in the Leap Forward program at Ribault High School during her years there while also enjoying scuba diving and working as a director of life guarding for the Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented young lady, Emily Henry McMahon also wrote the swimming program manuals that were adopted by the City of Jacksonville and are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Emily Henry McMahon developed a deep love of the great outdoors at an early age while attending Camp Nakanawa in Crossville; since childhood she returned every summer, both as a camper and later as a counselor, taking on various tasks such as Head of the Waterfront and teaching swimming, diving and canoeing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to possessing a great love of nature, Emily Henry McMahon enjoyed traveling and was an avid follower of sports and a faithful fan; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to public service and charity included an active role in the Tennessee Trust; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Emily Henry McMahon was an active and devout member of Christ the Redeemer Church of Centerville, which she had served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her devoted husband Andrew McMahon; three beloved children: daughter, Clata Craig McMahon, daughter and son-in-law, Corinne McMahon Cook and Louie Cook, and son Andrew McMahon, Jr.; and one treasured granddaughter, Clata Craig McMahon; and

WHEREAS, Emily Henry McMahon will be sorely missed by her parents, Senator Douglas and Mrs. Loiette Henry, her sisters, Loiette Henry Thompson, Kathryn Henry-Choisser and Mary Leland Henry Kinloch, her brothers and their spouses, Robert Selph and Traci Henry, and Douglas C.H. and Ashley Henry; her sisters-in-laws and their spouses, Karyle and Roman Yanovskiy, and Beverly and Robert McMahon; her brother-in-law and his wife, Tony and Connie McMahon; and many nieces and nephews, as well as members of her extended family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, those members of the General Assembly who have known the Henry family over the years share their deep grief and sorrow in mourning a life all too brief; and

WHEREAS, Emily Henry McMahon leaves behind an enduring legacy of commitment to family and friends, and the enduring love and affection of all who knew her; she will be remembered for her gracious personality, her beautiful spirit, and her compassion for others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this loving daughter, beloved wife and mother, and wonderful human being who was taken from us much too soon; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Emily Henry McMahon, reflecting fondly upon her joyous zest for life, her love of nature, and her commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. McMahon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.